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In fulfillment of the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98.

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a European Search Report (PCT) transmitted by the European Patent Office on November 15, 2001, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

**U.S. PATENTS**

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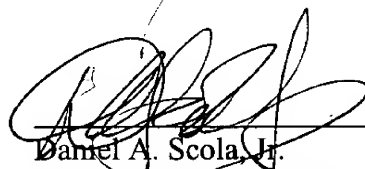
**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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Copies of each of these references, a copy of the foreign search report, as well as a PTO-1449 form are enclosed herewith.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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